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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC

Defendant.

Adversary Proceeding

No. 08-01789-JMP

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS AND CREDITORS OF BERNARD L. MADOFF
INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC AND TO ALL OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST**

COMMENCEMENT OF LIQUIDATION PROCEEDING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 15, 2008, the Honorable Louis A. Stanton of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, entered an Order granting the application of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”) for issuance of a Protective Decree adjudicating that the customers of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (the “Debtor”), are in need of the protection afforded by the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa *et seq.* (“SIPA”). Irving H. Picard, Esq. (“Trustee”) was appointed Trustee for the liquidation of the business of the Debtor, and Baker & Hostetler LLP was appointed as counsel to the Trustee. Customers of the Debtor who wish to avail themselves of the protection afforded to them under SIPA are required to file their claims with the Trustee within sixty (60) days after the date of this Notice. Customers may file their claims up to six months after the date of this Notice; however, the filing of claims after the sixty (60) day period but within the six month period

may result in less protection for the customer. Such claims should be filed with the Trustee at Irving H. Picard, Esq., Trustee for Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, Claims Processing Center, 2100 McKinney Ave., Suite 800, Dallas, TX 75201. **Customer claims will be deemed filed only when received by the Trustee.**

Forms for the filing of customers' claims are being mailed to customers of the Debtor as their name and addresses appear on the Debtor's books and records. Customers who do not receive such forms within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice may obtain them by writing to the Trustee at the address shown above.

Claims by broker-dealers for the completion of open contractual commitments must be filed with the Trustee at the above address within thirty (30) days after the date of this Notice. **Broker-dealer claims will be deemed to be filed only when received by the Trustee.** Claim forms may be obtained by writing to the Trustee at the address shown above.

All other creditors of the Debtor must file formal proofs of claim with the Trustee at the address shown above within six (6) months after the date of this Notice. **All such claims will be deemed filed only when received by the Trustee.**

No claim of any kind will be allowed unless received by the trustee within six (6) months after the date of this Notice.

AUTOMATIC STAY OF ACTIONS AGAINST THE DEBTOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as a result of the issuance of the Protective Decree, certain acts and proceedings against the Debtor and its property are stayed as provided in 11 U.S.C. § 362 and by order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered on December 15, 2008 by the Honorable Louis A. Stanton.

MEETING OF CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the first meeting of customers and creditors will be held on February 18, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, at which time and place customers and creditors may attend, examine the Debtor, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

HEARING ON DISINTERESTEDNESS OF TRUSTEE AND COUNSEL TO THE TRUSTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, has been set as the time and place for the hearing before the Honorable James Peck, United States Bankruptcy Judge, of objections, if any, to the retention in office of Irving H. Picard, Esq., as Trustee, and Baker & Hostetler LLP, as counsel to the Trustee, upon the ground that they are not qualified or not disinterested as provided in SIPA § 78eee(b)(6). Objections, if any, must be filed not less than five (5) days prior to such hearing, with a copy to be served on counsel for the Trustee at Baker & Hostetler LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10111, attn: Douglas E. Spelfogel, Esq., so to be received no fewer than five (5) days before the hearing.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that copies of this Notice, the letter to customers, the customer claim form, and instructions as well as the SIPC brochure may be found on SIPC's

website at www.sipc.org under Proceedings/Liquidations and on the Trustee's website, www.madofftrustee.com. From time to time in the future, other updated information and notices concerning this proceeding may also be posted at SIPC's and/or the Trustee's website.

Dated: (Date of Publication)
New York, New York

Irving H. Picard, Esq.
Trustee for the Liquidation of the
Business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment
Securities LLC